

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sandra Hintz *et al.*

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For: **WATER-ABSORBENT, FOAM-TYPE POLYMER STRUCTURE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2009, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments to the claims.

**If any fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.